

PRESS RELEASE

VANESSA LOWE

CD release at Freight and Salvage Thursday October 30, 2008

The Jicama Salad Company is pleased to announce the release of Vanessa Lowe's fourth CD, **"eep"**. **The CD release show will be at Freight and Salvage Coffeehouse on Thursday, October 30th at 8pm.** Vanessa Lowe will play with her band, **Bug Eyed Sprite**, as well as Special Guest – Myles Boisen on electric guitar.

Singer-songwriter **Alexis Harte** will open the show. Proceeds will go to support Environment California. Everyone who attends will receive a copy of "eep", included in the price of admission.

Tickets are \$18.50 in advance, and \$19.50 at the door. Children 18 and under half price. Freight and Salvage is located at 1111 Addison St. in Berkeley.

"eep" includes 14 original songs, and features performances by **Vanessa Lowe and Bug Eyed Sprite** (Lowe on voice and guitar, Toby Hawkins on percussion, Kent Sparling on tiny instruments, and Ben Freelove on bass), as well as avant-garde jazz guitar by engineer Myles Boisen (Splatter Trio). The music is guitar and vocal based, but the sound is strange and beautiful, with eerie atmospheric backgrounds, melodica, Rhodes piano, innovative percussion, bass, and eccentric electric guitar. **It was recorded at Guerrilla Recording in Oakland, CA, and was mixed at Skywalker Sound by Kent Sparling, who is a sound designer and re-recording mixer for film (Adaptation, Marie Antoinette, We Own the Night), as well as a composer.**

Never one to stay still for long, Lowe has spent the past few years immersing herself in the worlds of motherhood, radio documentary production, and experimental short film. This, in addition to her doctorate in clinical psychology, four years as DJ of a radio show ("Your Indie World" on KWMR), a stint as a glassblower's assistant, and work rehabilitating wildlife – Lowe continues to amass a virtual treasure chest of song fodder.

So what is this thing called "eep" you ask?...

Lowe answers, "What a small bug would say while hanging off the wing of an airplane... entry/exit point... extended, extended play. **"eep"** is also the long lost sister of **"57 Suspect Words"**, my 2004 release. That record dwelled underground, like mole-songs digging little holes in the backyard. Songs about silence, being scared of the life of words, messages from night frogs. But holes fill with rain, and then you have to look up or you drown. **"eep"** is of the air, the sky, the cotton clouds."

So, all said, Lowe is till traipsing about "the underside of the things that please", but from a shift in vantage point. She plays regularly around the Bay Area and beyond with Bug Eyed Sprite. Together they present beautiful and haunting arrangements of songs that fall in a **genre best described as Acoustic Experi-Pop.**

"eep" will be available online at Vanessa's website, **www.vanessalowe.com**, and at Amazon.com and CD Baby.com, as well as at SF Bay Area record stores.

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